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Four Safety Projects Scheduled on SR 36 in Tehama County

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that two of four safety projects are underway on State Route (SR) 36 west of Red Bluff. The two remaining safety projects will be under construction late this summer. All four projects will improve the alignment, widen shoulders, increase the view of the roadway ahead and oncoming vehicles and provide a more forgiving roadside. These four projects represent \$7.3 million of the \$60 million in safety projects being constructed in the Caltrans District 2 area this summer. Of the 13 safety projects being constructed this year, seven are in Tehama County. The remaining projects are spread through the other six counties within the District 2 boundaries. This is a record year for District 2 in terms of how many safety projects are being constructed. The department anticipates a decrease in traffic collisions, injury and deaths in the project areas by approximately 50%.

The two projects currently under construction are the \$1.5 million, 0.4 mile "Pentacola Curves" project located 11 miles east of the Shasta/Tehama County line and McKay Curves, a \$3.2 million project designed to reduce collisions at various locations in that area, which has a collision rate 11.7 times the statewide average. Both projects are in locations with a significant number of drivers losing control of their vehicles while traveling through curves.

Two additional projects, Kinney Curves and Rosewood Curves are also planned and currently in the bidding process. The \$1.3 million, 0.6 mile "Rosewood Curves" project is located 5 miles east of Dry Creek and Kinney Curves, a \$1.3 million project is located near Red Bluff west of Kinney Road. These projects will improve the alignment, increase the view of stopping distance, widen shoulders and add a clear recovery zone.

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